



**WPS BOARD BRIEFS**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**October 14, 2024 ~ 6:00 PM**

09/23/24 Board Minutes:  
**Action Item – Approved**

Maner Costerisan Audit  
Presentation

The Board reviewed and approved the regular Board meeting minutes for the meeting held on Monday, September 23, 2024 at 6 PM.

Nicholas Kossaras of Maner Costerisan presented to the Board a review of the audit performed for the year end June 30, 2024. Nick has been involved with the WPS audit for the past ten (10) years. A great deal of time and effort goes into the audit process and Maner Costerisan was extremely complimentary of our business office staff for their hard work and attention to detail. The audit came back with a clean opinion and with no control deficiencies or weaknesses noted. The financials as presented accurately reflect the financial transactions that have occurred at WPS. Maner Costerisan also audited WPS programs receiving federal funding. They found spending to be in line with the budgets for those programs and their associated federal mandates.

Nick thanked the Board for allowing their team to serve the District for the annual financial audit. He also thanked Associate Superintendent of Finance, Matt Lewis, and his business office staff for the outstanding job that they do.

Personnel Transactions:  
**Action Item – Approved**

The Board reviewed and approved the following personnel transactions:

**New Hires:**

Gloria VanderBoon, Reading Interventionist OP, Eff 9/30/24  
Beverly Burkholder, EL Para Parkview, Eff 10/2/24  
Jessica Bedard, Corewell Health Nurse, Eff 10/28/24  
Mykiea Tyner, FDSV SLA, Eff 10/7/24  
Islea Zuno, FDSV WJH, Eff 10/7/24  
Tyler VanDongen, Cust/Bus, Eff 10/7/24  
Chloe Decker, Special Ed Para at OP, Eff 10/8/24  
Dana Nault, FDSV Float, Eff 10/8/24

**Position Changes:**

Erika Desire, FDSV WHS, Eff 9/23/24

**Leaves of Absence:**

WHS Teacher, FMLA, Eff 10/28/24-1/5/25  
OP Food Service, FMLA, Eff 12/6/24-3/1/25  
WJH Counselor, FMLA, Eff 8/19/24-11/4/24  
WJH Custodian, FMLA, Intermittent  
Food Service Floater, LOA 11/4/24-1/5/25  
West Para, FMLA, Intermittent

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**Resignations:**

Anthony Radeck, Dist Maintenance, Eff 10/18/24

Caitlin Casnave, FDSV WJH, Eff 10/4/24

Julie Hatley, Social Worker, WIS/ECC, Eff 10/11/24

Jacqueline Kudary, Speech Path, WECC, Eff 10/11/24

Pedro Benda, Custodial, Parkview, Eff 10/11/24

Gladiola Building Spotlight  
Presentation – Creative  
Studies:

At the committee meeting on Thursday, Principal Dana Stein and teacher Ms. Sara Beld along with some of their students from Gladiola Elementary shared with the group an overview of their Creative Studies class.

Board of Education  
Professional Development:

Superintendent Hoekstra presented the Board with a list of potential professional development topics for the 2024-2025 school year. Board members were asked to rank the topics based on their level of interest. The feedback collected will be used to guide the selection of professional development initiatives throughout the school year.

Fall Count Day:

The 2024 Fall Count Day was Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. There are two windows connected to Count Day for all schools in Michigan. The first is all students that were “Unexcused” on Count Day. They have ten (10) school days (which is Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup>) to attend school to count towards the District’s enrollment numbers. The second window is for “Excused” students who have 30 calendar days (November 1st) to report back to school. Fall count day accounts for 90% of the state funding per student. Spring count day, which will take place on February 12<sup>th</sup>, represents 10% of the state funding per student.

AW11 Leadership Retreat:

September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 111 WHS students attended the Alpha Wolf 11 overnight leadership team at Little Pine Island Camp in Comstock Park. The theme of this year’s retreat was “Good Vibes – WYO Culture” where students were inspired to become better leaders and to understand the importance of valuing one another’s cultural backgrounds. The group planned several events which will take place throughout the 2024-2025 school year to celebrate the amazing cultural diversity at WHS. The group also spent time outdoors with their peers working on team-building activities that required problem solving and critical thinking skills.

Homecoming Week:

During last week's Homecoming festivities, we experienced a variety of successful activities. Each of our buildings participated by holding a spirit week, fostering enthusiasm and Wolf pride throughout our school community. The week culminated with the highly anticipated Homecoming Carnival and football game on Friday night, which drew strong support from students, staff, and the community. The festivities concluded on Saturday with the WHS Homecoming dance, which capped off a memorable week of celebration.

End of Quarter One:	The end of the first semester of the 2024-2025 school year is Friday, October 18, 2024. The Board of Education and administrators would like to thank the staff, scholars, parents, and the greater community for a successful first semester. Your hard work is noticed and appreciated.
KIASB Fall Presentation:	Superintendent Hoekstra reminded the group that KIASB will be hosting their fall meeting and dinner on Thursday, October 17, 2024, from 6-7:30 PM at the Watermark Country Club. Dr. Michael Shibler will serve as guest speaker addressing the topic of Grassroots Advocacy for Our Schools. Following his presentation, Dr. Shibler will be honored with the Education Advocacy Award for his outstanding leadership and advocacy throughout career.
Closed Session	The Board entered into closed session under MCL Act 267 Section 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act at 6:28 PM. The Board reopened the meeting at 6:43 PM.
Maner Costerisan Audit: <b>Action Item – Approved</b>	The Board reviewed and approved the June 30, 2024 audit performed by Maner Costerisan.
Summer Property Tax Resolution: <b>Action Item – Approved</b>	The Board reviewed and approved the 2025 summer tax resolution.
Additional Radio Infrastructure: <b>Action Item – Approved</b>	The Board reviewed and approved a quote in the amount of \$43,642.50 from T&W Electronics, Inc. for materials necessary as part of the radio infrastructure at Wyoming Junior High School.
Club Approvals: <b>Action Item – Approved</b>	The Board reviewed and approved the list of extracurricular clubs submitted by WPS staff members for approval.
Authorization for Legal Action: <b>Action Item – Approved</b>	The Board reviewed and approved the authorization for legal action.
WHS Staff Conference Request: <b>Action Item – Approved</b>	The Board reviewed and approved the out of state staff professional development request which would approve travel for Rhonda Varney to attend the One Goal Midwest Assemble conference in Chicago, Illinois on October 29 <sup>th</sup> . Registration fees and lodging would be paid through our partnership with this organization. While at the conference, Ms. Varney would engage in learning around a postsecondary vision for the future, strategies and activities to support our post diploma readiness efforts (strategic plan goal #4), student advising for post diploma success, and data systems to monitor implementation and effectiveness.
WHS Scholar Trip Request – BPA: <b>Action Item – Approved</b>	The Board reviewed and approved the student travel request submitted by Wyoming High School for Business Professionals of America (BPA) students to travel to and from Michigan State University in Lansing, Michigan on October 22, 2024, to attend the BPA Fall Leadership Conference.

Fall District Continuous Improvement Update

Our district held the fall continuous improvement meeting on Monday, October 7. Each building shared their goal areas, strategies, and professional development plans for the 2024-2025 school year. It is exciting to see the alignment of each building's work to our strategic plan!

Reinstatement of Scholar 2324.01:

**Action Item – Reinstated**

Per Board Policy 5206C, the scholar reinstatement committee met with scholar 2324.01 and his/her parents/guardians to discuss possible reinstatement following expulsion. Following the meeting the Board decided to approve the reinstatement of scholar 2324.01.

**Upcoming Events:**

**Board Committee Work Session**

Thursday, October 24, 2024 – 4:30 PM

Thursday, November 7, 2024 – 4:30 PM

**Board Meetings:**

Monday, October 28, 2024 – 6 PM

Monday, November 11, 2024 – 6 PM

**Other:**

Feeding America Food Pantry – Oct. 21, 2024 - 4:30 PM - WHS

WJH Fall Band Concert – October 21, 2024 – 7 PM – WHS Gym

No School Scholars - Professional Development - November 1, 2024

Election Day - November 5, 2024

Feeding America Food Pantry – Nov. 25, 2004 - 4:30 PM - WHS

Thanksgiving Break - November 27-29, 2024

Alpha Wolf 11 Celebration – December 13, 2024 – 12:30 PM - WHS

Wyoming Kentwood Holiday Parade - December 14, 2024 - 10 AM

Feeding America Food Pantry – Dec. 16, 2024 - 4:30 PM - WHS

Scholar 1/2 Day (AM Only) - December 19 and 20, 2024